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For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND	)	
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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action, of which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) notified Applicants on February 1, 2010, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Request for Reconsideration** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 12 of this paper.